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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL DANANG NOV 20, 1974 H/W  
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SUBJ: FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMERCIAL BUS MINING

REFS: A. DANANG 0613; B. DANANG 0551; C. DANANG 0599

1. CONGEN POLOFF DISCUSSED QUE SON COMMERCIAL BUS MINING REPORTED

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REFTELS WITH COL TRAN CONG LIEU, HEAD OF REGION II GVN DELEGATION

TO THE TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (TPJMC) NOV 19. LIEU STATED THAT THE HOI AN GVN TPJMC REQUESTED AN ICCS OBSERVATION OF THIS MINING INCIDENT ON NOV 2ND, THE DAY IT OCCURREDPO LIEU SAID THAT MIJOQUY, THE PRINCIPAL GVN TPJMC REP AT HOI AN, TOLD HIM THAT THE IRANIANS IN HOI AN HAD ASKED HIM WHETHER HE COULD GUARANTEE "100 PERCENT" SECURITY FOR THE OBSERVATION. QUY SAID HE HAD REPLIED THAT HE COULD OFFER "MAXIMUM" SECURITY BUT NOT "100 PERCENT" BECAUSE HE COULD NOT "GUARANTEE" THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE ANOTHER MINE PLACED SOMEWHERE ALONG THE ROAD. NO OBSERVATION WAS UNDERTAKEN.

2. AT THE DA NANG LEVEL, COL LIEU ON NOV 3 SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR OBSERVATION TO THE REGIONAL ICCS HQS. HE HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST. (GVN TPJMC AT REGION ROUTINELY SUBMITS A FOLLOW-UP REQUEST AT THAT LEVEL TO ALL REQUESTS INITIATED AT TEAM SITES.)

3. COL LIEU AND HIS USUALLY WELL-INFORMED DEPUTY, LTC VINH, WERE NOT UP-TO-DATE CONCERNING THE FATALITIES WHICH ULTIMATELY RESULTED FROM THIS MINING INCIDENT. COL LIEU AGREED TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ICCS' REACTION TO THE INCIDENT FROM HIS HOI AN REPRESENTATIVE, INCLUDING A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE ICCS WAS ASKED TO VISIT THE WOUNDED ND DYING IN HOSPITALS (WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD NOT HAVE POSED AS MUCH OF A SECURITY ISSUE). HE ALSO AGREED TO OBTAIN FOR US A COPY OF THE PETITION SUBMITTED TO THE ICCS IN HOI AN FOLLOWING THE NOV 14 DEMONSTRATION.

4. AT THE NOV 14 HOI AN DEMONSTRATION THE NAMES OF THE STUDENTS WHO DIED WERE READ ALOUD, AND AT PRESENT THE SCHOOLS IN THE PROVINCE CAPITAL ARE DRAPED IN BLACK. LOCAL CITIZENS ARE ORGANIZING A FUND TO AID THE FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED.

5. THE MINING OCCURRED AT COORDINATES BT 050352 (ROUTE 535) LEADING FROM QUE SON TO HIGHWAY #1, APPROXIMATELY TEN KILOMETERS WEST OF THE HIGHWAY (AND ABOUT 25 KILOMETERS FROM THE ICCS HOI AN TEAM SITE). NC DELEGATES HAVE BEEN VERY RELUCTANT IN MILITARY REGION I TO TRAVEL WEST OF HIGHWAY #1.  
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